

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A well system, comprising;

a first well bore extending from a surface to a subterranean zone;

a second well bore extending from the surface to the subterranean zone;

a first articulated well bore formed off of the first well bore, the first articulated well bore intersecting and extending through the second well bore and coupled to a first pattern formed in the subterranean zone through the first articulated well bore;

a second articulated well bore formed off of the second well bore, the second articulated well bore intersecting and extending through the first well bore and coupled to a second pattern formed in the subterranean zone through the second articulated well bore;

the first pattern operable to transport fluids from the subterranean zone to the second well for production to the surface; and

the second pattern operable to transport fluids from the subterranean zone to the first well for production to the surface.

2. (Original) The well system of Claim 1, wherein the first and second patterns each comprise a main substantially horizontal well bore.

3. (Original) The well system of Claim 1, wherein the first and second patterns each comprise a main substantially horizontal well bore and a plurality of lateral well bores extending from the main substantially horizontal well bore.

4. (Original) The well system of Claim 1, wherein the first and second patterns each comprise a substantially horizontal pinnate pattern.

5. (Original) The well system of Claim 3, wherein, for each pattern, the distance from a distal end of each lateral well bore to the intersecting well bore through the lateral well bore and the main substantially horizontal well bore are substantially equal.

6. (Currently amended) The well system of Claim 1, further comprising:  
a first cavity coupled to the first well bore and operable to collect fluids transported by the second pattern for production to the surface; and  
a second cavity coupled to the second well, the a second cavity operable to collect fluids transported by the first pattern for production to the surface.

7. (Original) The well system of Claim 1, wherein the subterranean zone comprises a coal seam.

8. (Original) The well system of Claim 7, when the fluids comprise water and coal bed methane (CBM) gas.

9. (Currently amended) The well system of Claim 1, further comprising:  
the first articulated well bore including a packer disposed between the first well bore and intersection of the second well bore;  
the a second articulated well bore including a packer disposed between the a second well bore and intersection of the first well bore.

10. (Original) The well system of Claim 1, wherein the first and second pattern together comprise a coverage area in the subterranean zone of at least 600 acres.

11. (Original) The well system of Claim 3, wherein a lateral of the first pattern extends from the main substantially horizontal well bore prior to intersection with the second well bore and a lateral of the second pattern extends from the main substantially horizontal well bore prior to intersection with the first well bore.

12. (Currently amended) A well system, comprising:  
at least two well bores extending from a surface to a subterranean zone;  
each of the two well bores being used to form a substantially horizontal well bore pattern for the subterranean zone that intersects the other well bore and extends beyond the other well bore and transports fluid from the subterranean zone to the other well bore for production to the surface; and  
each of the two well bores operable to collect for production to the surface fluids transported to the well bore by the substantially horizontal well bore pattern formed through the other well bore.

13. (Original) The well system of Claim 12 wherein the substantially horizontal well bore patterns each comprise a main well bore and a plurality of lateral well bores extending from the main well bore.

14. (Original) The well system of Claim 12, wherein the substantially horizontal well bore patterns each comprise a pinnate pattern.

15. (Original) The well system of Claim 13, wherein, for each pattern, the distance from a distal end of each lateral to the intersecting well bore through the lateral well bore and the main well bore are substantially equal.

16. (Currently amended) The well system of Claim 12, further comprising each of the two well bores including a cavity in the subterranean zone ~~coal seam~~ to collect fluids transported by a connected well bore pattern.

17. (Original) The well system of Claim 12, wherein the subterranean zone comprises a coal seam.

18. (Currently amended) A method for forming a well system, comprising:  
forming a first well bore extending from a surface to a subterranean zone;  
forming a second well bore extending from the surface to the subterranean zone;  
kicking off the first well bore above the subterranean zone to form a first subterranean pattern in the subterranean zone, the first subterranean pattern coupled to the second well bore and operable to transport fluids from the subterranean zone to the second well bore for production to the surface through the second well bore; and

kicking off the second well bore above the subterranean formation to form a second subterranean pattern in the subterranean formation, the second subterranean pattern coupled to the first well bore, located on an opposite side of the first well bore from the first subterranean pattern, and operable to transport fluids from the subterranean zone to the first well bore for production to the surface through the first well bore.

19. (Original) The method of Claim 18, wherein at least one of the first and second subterranean patterns are formed by drilling in an under-balanced state.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 18, further comprising:  
forming a first cavity in the first well bore proximate to the subterranean zone;  
forming a second cavity in the second well bore proximate to the subterranean zone; and  
wherein the first subterranean pattern intersects the cavity of the second well bore and the second subterranean pattern intersects the cavity of the first well bore.

21. (Original) A method for forming a well system, comprising:  
forming a first well bore having a cavity proximate to a subterranean zone;  
forming a second well bore having a cavity proximate to the subterranean zone;  
kicking off the first well bore above the subterranean zone to form a first pattern in the subterranean zone, the first pattern intersecting the cavity of the second well bore and operable to transport fluids from the subterranean zone to the cavity of the second well bore for production to the surface through the second well bore; and  
kicking off the second well bore above the subterranean formation to form a second pattern in the subterranean formation, the second pattern intersecting the cavity of the first well bore and operable to transport fluids from the subterranean zone to the first well bore for production to the surface through the first well bore.

22. (Original) The method of Claim 21, further comprising initiating production in the first and second well bores by gas lift.